

2020 AmeriCorps State-Supported Grants Continuation Funding Opportunity

Frequently Asked Questions

February 10, 2021

1. Which application components are due to whom and when?

A. All application items are due by email to Funding@CV.CA.GOV on Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 5:00 pm Pacific Time. The Narrative, Logic Model, PMWs, and Budget must also be entered into eGrants by that time as well. eGrants instructions are coming next week.

2. To clarify, if we aren't changing our program too much, we will submit our Program Narrative from last year and show any changes in Track Changes, correct?

A. Correct.

3. As a follow up to question 2, there is no Needs section in this year's Program Narrative instructions. Do we leave that in or take it out?

A. Please remove the Need section of the Narrative.

4. Could you please explain the travel costs again? As I understand it, staff should attend at least 2 CV-sponsored trainings, and one needs to be the conference in Stockton for at least two staff. And fellows should attend the Fellows conference for one night.

A. Budget for two CV-sponsored trainings with at least two staff attending, and the fellows conference with all fellows attending. Each should be for one night. Locations for each have not been finalized, so consider budgeting for travel across state to cover all possibilities.

5. As a follow-up to question 4, are all CV-sponsored events in Stockton, and how many nights are staff expected to stay for trainings/conference?

A. Each should be for one night. Locations for each have not been finalized, so consider budgeting for travel across state to cover all possibilities.

6. Who is considered the legal applicant contact? Is that our Authorized Organizational Representative?

A. The Legal Applicant contact is the person with signing authority at your organization who has authorized the submission of this application.

7. I have a further question about the use of "Track changes" on Civic Action Fellows program design documents. If we have submitted revisions since the original grant was approved, should the "Track Changes" be used on the most recent approved revisions or on the original documents?

A. Start from the original, awarded program design as a baseline.

8. Should we update our originally submitted/proposed PMWs, or our revised PMWs that reflect current fellow placements during covid?

A. Update the original, awarded PMWs. If the entire PMWs have been changed, it is allowable to submit the new PMWs without Track Changes.

9. Is the budgeted amount for 2020-21 based on the 2019-20 total budget or based on the cost per MSY?

A. The 2020-21 budget should build upon the 2019-20 budget while maintaining the Cost Per MSY limits: \$20,000 State Share and \$7,920 Federal Share, and at least 15% Grantee Match. For Stockton Service Corps programs, the limits are \$20,000 Federal Share, \$7,920 State Share, and at least 15% Grantee Match.

10. Does the Match Waiver apply for this opportunity?

A. Any match waiver covers expenditures and does not apply to the application budget. Contact your Program Officer if you have questions about the Match Waiver—it should not be considered when completing your application but may be relevant once funded.

11. Are we required to propose activities within the Priority Issue Areas described in the RFA if our members are not currently serving within these areas?

A. The Priority Issue Areas are specifically for new activities proposed as part of your continuation application. If your members are currently implementing a program design that is different than what you originally applied for and you intend to continue those activities into the next program year, then we expect you to describe those activities as changes. If you are intending to substantially change your program's focus, then those Priority Issue Areas are where we would prefer to see those activities take place. Please discuss any plans to significantly alter your member activities with your Program Officer.

12. When will we be able to apply for 2021-22 state funds?

A. The continuation process for 2021-22 state funds will occur later in the spring. More information will be released as it is available.

13. Can applications be submitted early?

The only applications that will be processed before the March 1, 2021 deadline are Stockton Service Corps programs. For all other applicants, the timeline in the RFA would apply.

14. Could we submit last year's budget for the state portion?

A. If the 2019-20 budget is still accurate, applicants could use the 2019 budget for 2020. This process gives applicants the opportunity to update their budget with accurate costs based on their experience in the last program year. If those costs have not changed, that is acceptable.

15. For Stockton Service Corps programs, what is the end date for the 2020 funds received?

A. The end date of 2020 state funds will align with their current 2020 program contract end date.

16. Is there a tab missing from the Budget Template?

A. The Budget Template should only have one tab. Any reference to another tab or Budget Form is not applicable for this opportunity.

17. Partnership Requirement mentions for-profit partners. Please clarify this requirement, as our understanding is that for-profit partners were not allowed.

A. Private for-profit partners can be part of your program partnership as a match partner or thought partner. Members cannot be placed at nor can their service directly benefit a private for-profit organization.